



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Date : May 6, 2004

HITOSHI KIHARA ET AL.

Examiner : Hien Tran

Serial No. : 09/689,297

Group Art Unit: 1724

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Our Docket : SHX 314

For : APPARATUS, METHOD FOR ENRICHMENT OF THE HEAVY ISOTOPE OXYGEN AND PRODUCTION METHOD FOR HEAVY OXYGEN WATER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the final Office action dated November 6, 2003, and as a submission as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, applicants request the entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

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